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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN: LIBERAL CANDIDATE PRESENTS HIS PROGRAM

SUMMARY. LIBERAL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ALFONSO LOPEZ

MICHELSSEN ON APRIL 6 ANNOUNCED HIS PROGRAM OF GOVERNMENT.
HE SAID NOTHING NEW, BUT BROUGHT TOGETHER AND SYNTHESIZED
CONCEPTS HE HAS ENUNCIATED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.
LOPEZ VISION OF SOCIETY UNDER HIS ADMINISTRATION DIFFERS
IN NO FUNDAMENTAL WAY FROM THE PRESENT. END SUMMARY

1. IN ONE OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR EVENTS OF THE CAMPAIGN,
THIRTY THOUSAND LIBERAL WOMEN GATHERED IN BOGOTAS COVERED
COLISEUM ON APRIL 6 TO PAY HOMAGE TO ALFONSO LOPEZ. LOPEZ
USED THE RALLY TO DECLARE HIMSELF THE WINNER OF THE
APRIL 21 ELECTIONS AND SUMMARIZE HIS PROGRAM OF GOVERNMENT,
WHICH HE PROMISED TO TRY TO GET UNDERWAY DURING
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THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED DAYS OF HIS ADMINISTRATION. HE

SAID NOTHING THAT WAS NEW, ALTHOUGH HE DID FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE CAMPAIGN BRING TOGETHER IDEAS, AND PLANS HE HAS ENUNCIATED DURING THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. MUCH OF HIS "PROGRAM" CONSISTS OF ACTIONS THAT ARE ALREADY IN TRAIN, OR THAT ARE NOW ESTABLISHED POLICY. IN ONE INSTANCE HE STOLE SEVERAL PAGES FROM GOMEZ BOOK BY CALLING FOR INCREASED AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS.

3. THERE FOLLOWS THE HIGHLIGHTS OF LOPEZ PROGRAM:

A) VOTE FOR EIGHTEEN YEAR OLDS.

B) PARTICIPATION BY PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS IN NATIONAL PLANNING.

C) FREEDOM OF OPINION FOR ALL POLITICAL GROUPS.

D) CIVIL MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE THROUGH APPROVAL OF THE NEW CONCORDAT.

E) EXEMPTION FROM TAXES FOR ALL RELIGIOUS SECTS.

F) EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN IN MARRIAGE.

G) IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

"COLOMBIA WILL HAVE RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS CONSTITUTED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND WE WILL NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST, PERSECUTE, OR OSTRACIZE THOSE WHO DO NOT SHARE OUR POINTS OF VIEW".

H) DEFENSE OF COLOMBIA'S TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY THROUGH LAW; NO RECOURSE TO ARMS.

I) DEFENSE OF COLOMBIA ECONOMIC SOVEREIGNTY. FOREIGN CAPITAL WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE CONDITION IT SUBMIT TO NATIONAL LAWS AND ANDEAN PACT REGULATIONS. COLOMBIA WILL DEAL WITH MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AS AN EQUAL AND WILL NOT PERMIT THEIR INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

J) STIMULATE MINERAL PRODUCTION.

K) INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION FOR INTERNAL CONSUMPTION AND EXPORT.

L) CONVERT COLOMBIA INTO THE JAPAN OF SOUTH AMERICA BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HER ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT AND LOWER LABOR COSTS.

M) DECENTRALIZE GOVERNMENT BY GIVING THE DEPARTMENTS MORE AUTONOMY AND THROUGH DISPERSAL OF "DECENTRALIZED" AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

N) DIVIDE THE AGRARIAN REFORM INSTITUTE INTO TWO
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AGENCIES--ONE TO DEAL WITH LAND REDISTRIBUTION AND CREDIT AND THE OTHER WITH IRRIGATION AND LAND RECLAMATION.

O) STABILIZE COST OF LIVING THROUGH FISCAL AUSTERITY, INCOMES AND SALARIES POLICY AND REDUCTION IN INTERNATIONAL INDEBTEDNESS.

P) EXTEND HEALTH CARE THROUGH EXPANSION OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM.

Q) EXTEND AND DEMOCRATIZE EDUCATION EMPHASIS ON PRIMARY

EDUCATION.

4. PRESIDENT PASTRANA TRIED AND FAILED TO GET THE VOTE FOR EIGHTEEN YEAR OLDS. THE NEW CONCORDAT THAT WILL ALLOW CIVIL MARRIAGE HAS ALREADY PASSED THE SENATE AND WILL BE TAKEN UP BY THE CHAMBER WHEN THE NEW CONGRESS CONVENES. UNIVERSALITY OF RELATIONS, AND ITS COROLLARY, IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM, HAS BEEN A TENET OF COLOMBIAN FOREIGN POLICY SINCE 1969 WHEN LIBERAL AND CONSERVATIVE LEADERS AGREED TO THE CONCEPT. INCREASED AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO EARN FOREIGN EXCHANGE IS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL THEMES OF ALVARO GOMEZ CAMPAIGN.

5. THE SOCIETY THAT LOPEZ ENVISAGES WILL NOT DIFFER IN GREAT DEGREE FROM THAT NOW IN EXISTENCE. HIS PROGRAM, AT LEAST AT THIS STATE, CONTAINS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. IN THE AREA OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WE INFER THAT HIS OPPOSITION TO "OSTRACISM" OF ANY NATION REFERS TO HIS DESIRE TO END OAS SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA. AT THE SAME TIME THAT HE PROCLAIMS COLOMBIAS ECONOMIC SOVEREIGNTY HE CALLS FOR EXPLOITATION OF MINERAL DEPOSITS, A CLEAR INDICATION HE WILL RELY ON LARGE FOREIGN INVESTMENTS. HE GAVE A CLEAR SIGNAL THAT HE DOES NOT INTEND TO PURSUE A VIGOROUS LAND REDISTRIBUTION POLICY WHEN HE SAID HE IS MORE CONCERNED ABOUT SMALL LAND HOLDERS THAN LATIFUNDISTAS. HIS STATEMENTS ON HEALTH AND EDUCATION WERE NOT DETAILED ENOUGH TO BE SUSCEPTIBLE OF ANALYSIS BUT IT DOES NOT APEAR THAT U.S. BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN THESE AREAS WILL BE AFFECTED.
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